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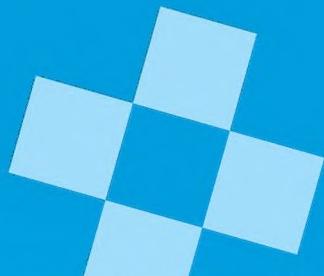
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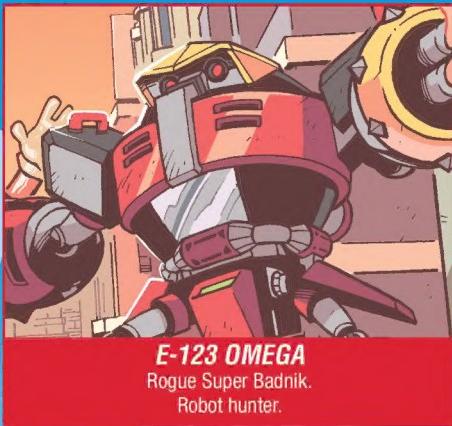
Dr. Eggman has returned with one of his most sinister plots yet: the Metal Virus! The Metal Virus infects living organic matter and turns it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to Eggman's command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—are infected. As Sonic and his friends attempt to save Sunset City, another falls victim... can Sonic survive Shadow the Zombot?!

ROLL CALL



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



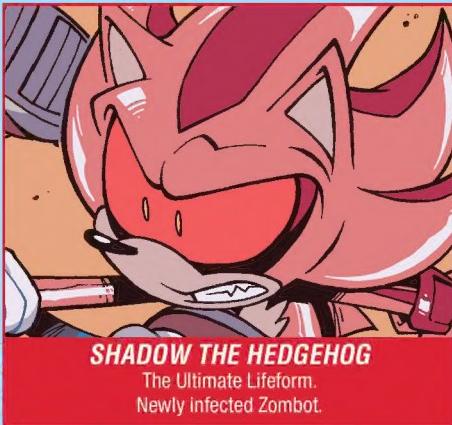
E-123 OMEGA

Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

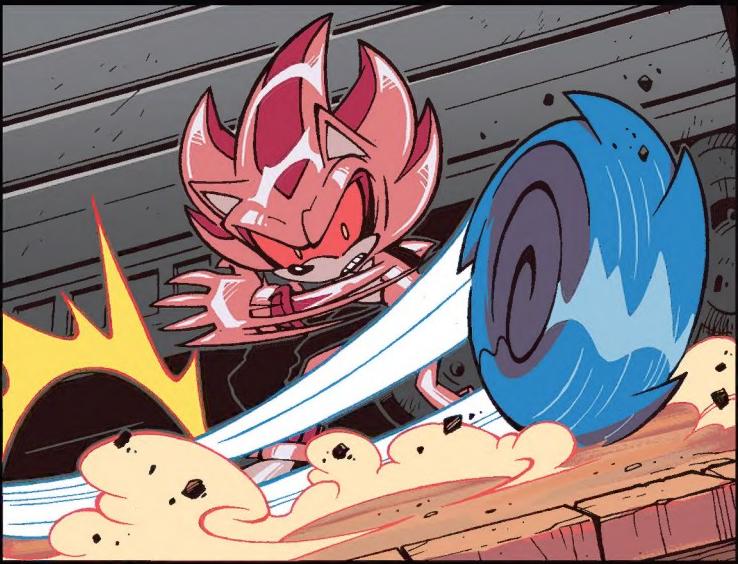
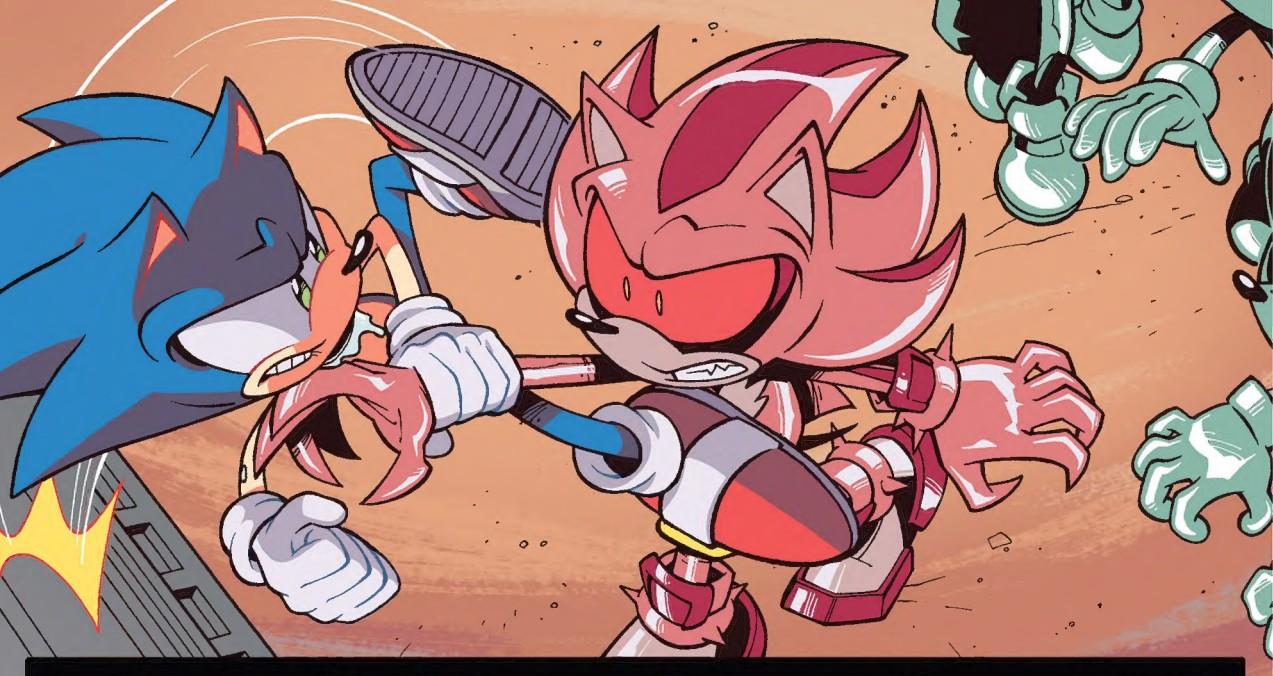
The Ultimate Lifeform.
Newly Infected Zombot.

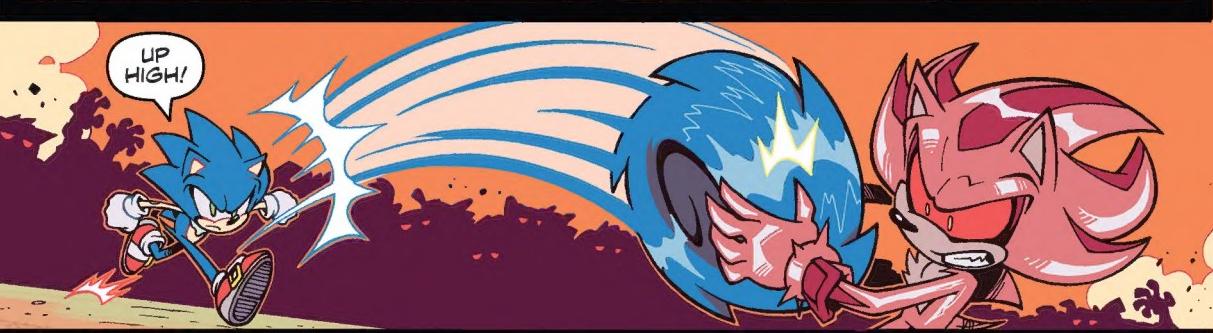
SUNSET CITY.

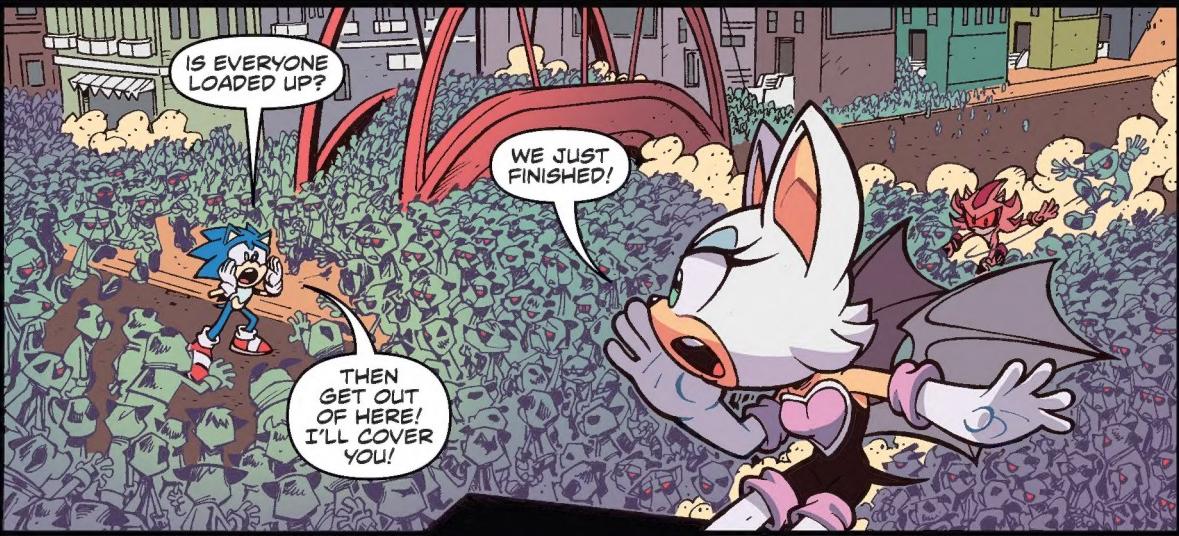
THOUGHT
YOU COULD TAKE
ON THE ZOMBOTS
WITH RAW POWER
ALONE, DIDN'T
YOU, SHADOW?

NOW
YOU'RE FULLY
CONVERTED,
WHILE I CAN RUN
OFF MY INFECTION.
I CAN'T WAIT TO
SAY I TOLD
YOU SO.

IF YOU
DON'T MURK
CRUSH MY
WINDPIPE
FIRST...







NEVER FOUGHT A WHOLE CITY SOLO BEFORE. THIS SHOULD BE INTERESTING!



WHUD

WELL, WELL, WELL! LOOK WHO DECIDED TO STAY BEHIND AND HELP!

I'M CALLING IT "HELP", AND YOU CAN'T STOP ME!

URGE TO MAIM-RISING!

NEGATIVE. EGGMAN'S ROBOTS REMAIN. THIS MUST BE CORRECTED. VIOLENTLY.

WAIT A MINUTE. WHERE DID SHADOW...?

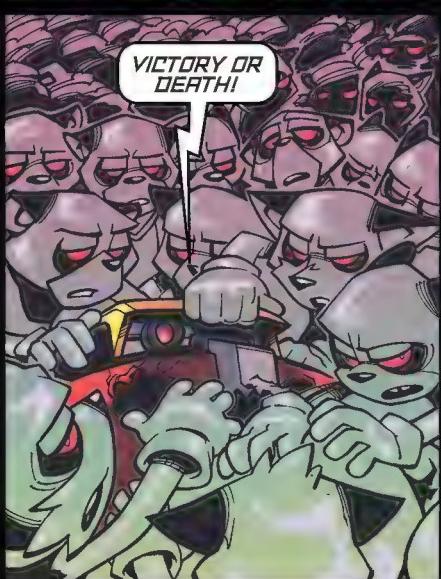
UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE HE NOTICED THE SURVIVORS!

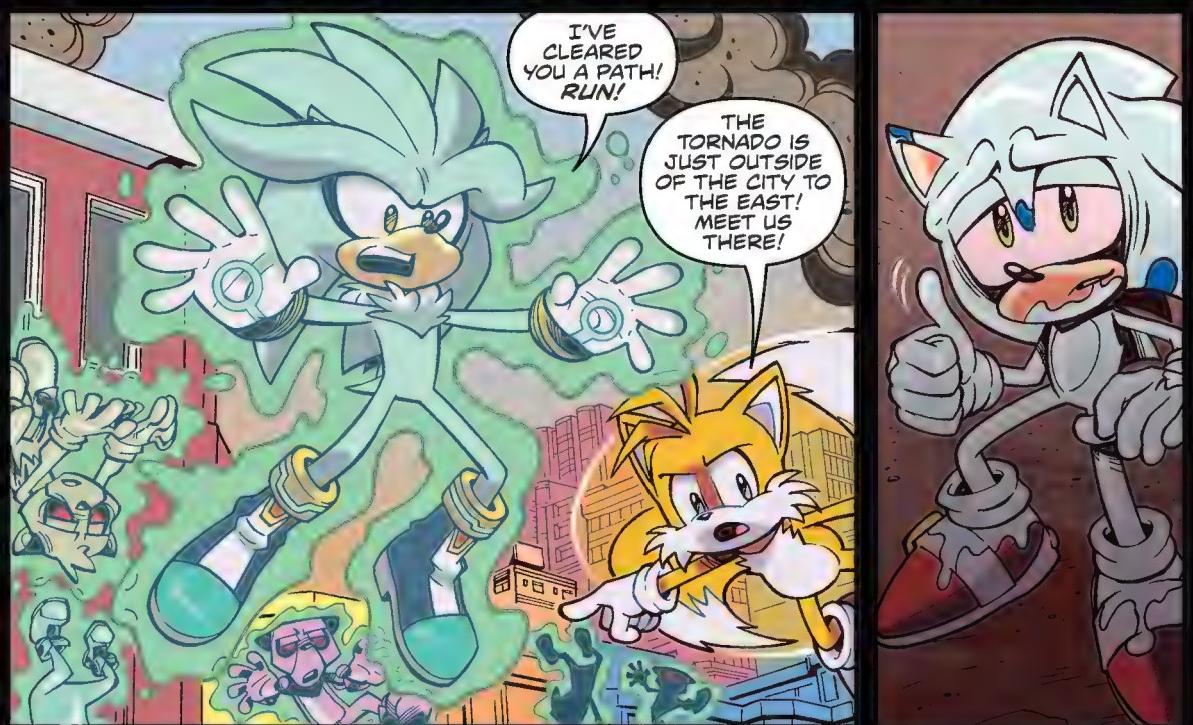














LATER—
RESTORATION HQ.



THERE ARE SO MANY REFUGEES FROM THE ATTACKS, AND NOT A LOT OF ROOM FOR THEM. EVERYONE IS SCARED AND SAD...



...SO I'VE BEEN BRINGING THEM SNACKS AND SWEETS! I'M TRYING MY HARDEST TO BE HAPPY, SO THEY CAN BE A LITTLE HAPPY, TOO!

YOU'RE THE BRAVEST HERO HERE, CREAM. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

I WILL!



MISS ROSE'S OFFICE IS RIGHT THROUGH HERE.

THANKS.

HEY, GEMERL! LOOKS LIKE TAILS FIXED YOU UP.

CORRECT.



ENTRY DENIED.

DON'T START WITH ME, G. I'VE HAD A VERY LONG DAY.

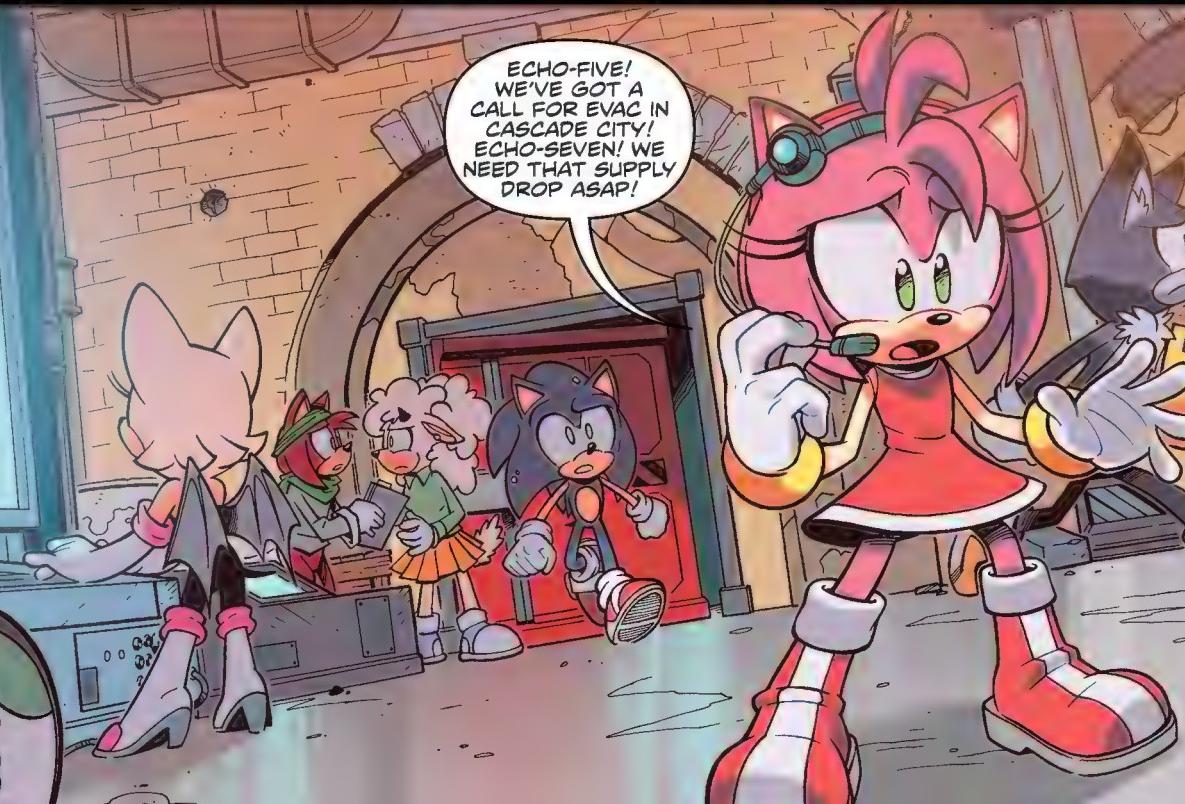


GEMERL! BE NICE!

Sonic is INFECTED. He is a BIOHAZARD to the RESTORATION's ADMINISTRATOR.

MISS ROSE ASKED TO SPEAK WITH HIM! YOU HAVE TO LET HIM IN!







ECHO-THREE!
ECHO-THIRTEEN!
ECHO-ELEVEN WENT
DOWN ON TURTLESHELL
ISLAND! THEY NEED
IMMEDIATE
SUPPORT!



ECHO-
THREE,
DO YOU
COPY?

HAS
ANYONE
HEARD FROM
ECHO-
THREE?



VECTOR!
ESPIO! WHAT'S
UP?

HOPEFULLY
WE'LL RUN INTO
CHARMY AND BE
ABLE TO BRING HIM
BACK SAFELY...

SLEEPING
SHIFT IS OVER, SO
WE'RE BACK TO IT.
FINDING SURVIVORS.
FINDING SUPPLIES.





I'VE HAD A LOT ON MY MIND LATELY.

FOR INSTANCE—YOU SAID WHEN YOU RETURNED TO THE FUTURE, THE WORLD WAS ALL METALLIC AND LIFELESS. DO YOU THINK IT WAS THE METAL VIRUS?*

I'M SURE OF IT. AND WHILE THINGS ARE BAD NOW, HOPEFULLY BY MY BEING HERE, WE CAN FIND A WAY TO STOP IT FROM DESTROYING THE WORLD.

FSTH #8.

I DON'T REMEMBER YOU MENTIONING THE ZOMBOTS, THOUGH.

THAT'S THE THING—I DIDN'T SEE ANYONE.

HOPEFULLY WE WON'T NEED TO SOLVE THAT MYSTERY.

HOW'S IT HANGING, OMEGA?

CORE PROCESSOR AND OPERATING SYSTEM INTACT. RAGE OPERATING AT 110% CAPACITY.

YOU THINK YOU CAN REBUILD HIM?

EGGMAN TECH IS NOTORIOUSLY WEIRD. I THINK I CAN BUILD SOMETHING COMPARABLE AND INSTALL HIS HEAD INTO IT, THOUGH.

ONCE I HAVE THE TIME AND SUPPLIES, OF COURSE.

INSTALL A JAW MECHANISM. I WILL BITE THEIR ANKLES OFF.

I'LL... KEEP THAT IN MIND.





SIGH: I HATE TO ADMIT THIS, BUT EGGMAN HAS NO PLAN TO CONTROL THE METAL VIRUS.

WE'RE SCHEDULED TO TEST OVERRIDE SIGNALS TOMORROW, BUT...

EGGMAN HAS OVERLOOKED OR FORGOTTEN SO MANY OF HIS ASSETS. PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING HE'S USED IN THE PAST THAT CAN HELP?

WHAT'S THIS? "THE LOST WORLD PROJECT"?

"I FOUND THE HIDDEN PLANETOID OF LOST HEX AND MADE IT THE BASE OF MY LATEST SCHEME."

"USING AN ANCIENT RELIC, I TOOK CONTROL OF LOST HEX'S NATIVES—THE ZETI—and MADE THEM MY ENFORCERS."

"THEN THAT MEDDLESOME SONIC ARRIVED TO RUIN EVERYTHING. HE STUPIDLY LIBERATED MY DEADLY SIX AND THEY..."

"...TOOK TOTAL CONTROL OF MY ROBOTS WITH THEIR ELECTRO-MAGNETIC POWERS."

A RACE OF BEINGS THAT CAN WILL ROBOTS INTO OBEDIENCE?

YES... YES! WHY FIND A WAY TO CONTROL MILLIONS WHEN WE CAN SHEPHERD THEM ALL WITH JUST SIX...

NEXT TIME:
A TRIO OF TALES AS EVERYTHING COMES DOWN TO THE LAST MINUTE!



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Geez! Our heroes are really in rough shape, huh? Friends being infected, Sonic almost fully giving in to the Metal Virus, Omega being torn apart! Any one of those would be a lot for one adventure, but with everything else going on, looks like everyone's going to have to try even harder to save the world! Well, at least with a little help, Sonic escaped "Crisis City, Part 2" by Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Shawn Lee, and Bracardi Curry! Now let's get to your awesome submissions!

Hi, I am Delina, I am 14, and I am deaf. I use a cochlear implant that helps me hear. I am my own superhero and my cochlear implants give me the power to hear, just like Sonic has the power of speed. I've been a Sonic fan since I was six years old, but I fell in love with Sonic all over again two years ago. I play Sonic Boom non-stop every single day. I have also been collecting comic books since I was 12. I have every issue. I read them every day. I have even read some issues more than once. I am a super Sonic fan. After I finished the Sonic Forces game, I got an idea. I wanted to draw a picture that would show what things would be like after the war. I imagined myself in the game and created a character with cochlear implants; On day one, I drew a flower that shows BRAVERY, day five is the flower growing, which means to BELIEVE in yourself; and day 10 is about FRIENDSHIP, my character makes friends with Sonic. When I grow up, I want to be an animator. Maybe I could work for SEGA and help draw comics or make video games. I hope you like the work I did and I look forward to hearing from you.

Keep up the awesome work!

Hi Delina,

Wow! You really are a super Sonic fan (but are you Super Sonic fan?!) You have an awesome superpower and great art skills. That little comic is awesome, and I think works really well with our stories! A flower like that would fit in great with Silver's garden! Keep working on little stories like that which get to the heart of what Sonic's about—bravery, believing in yourself, and friendship—and you'll be on track to get any job you want!



Art by Delina Mengesha



Art by Zachary Looman

I'm Zach, I'm 13 and have loved Sonic for quite some time now, so can I just say that, man, this comic is good! I love it! The writing is great, the art is great, everything is great! I've been drawing a lot of Sonic recently so I thought I'd include one of my pieces. Sonic looks a little different, but I think it's fine. I have one question though: is there a way to subscribe to just the Sonic comic alone, and if there is, can you tell me how? Thanks! Love the new series!

Zachary Looman

Hi Zach,

Glad you're enjoying the comic! And, yeah, your Sonic does look a little different, but that's a really cool design! My only note: Sonic doesn't wear pants—at least not in this comic. A lot of people have asked if there's a way to subscribe to Sonic and there is, so let me walk you through it!

1. You can subscribe digitally via the IDW Comics app or Comixology!
2. You can subscribe physically at your local comic shop by asking them to add Sonic to your pull list!

Unfortunately, IDW doesn't offer a direct physical comic subscription, but we try to make it easy to use one of the other two methods and always get your books!

Hello,

My name is Sonny, I love your comics. I am seven years old, and I love Sonic the Hedgehog the most. I have been a Sonic fan for a long time, and your comics have inspired me to write my own. It's my very favorite thing to do. Thanks for the great stories and the inspiration! Keep it up!

Sonny

Hi Sonny,

That's great! I'm glad our stories have inspired you to make your own! Y'know, making up your own Sonic stories and doing your own Sonic art just for fun is how most of the team making the comics now first got into Sonic! People like writer Ian Flynn and artists like Evan



Art by Sonny

Stanley and Nathalie Fourdraine got their start making Sonic fan art and fan comics. Now, they really write and draw Sonic's adventures! Keep up your own good work!

Hey, Sonic comic team!

I've been loving the story. Flynn is a great writer, and the art is amazing. I particularly liked the expressions by Lawrence in #15.

I'm wondering, will we see anything like the Off-Panel in this series? Will there be a continual side-series like Sonic Universe, or just mini-series like Tangle and Whisper?

Thank you for your time. Keep up the good work!

Olivia P.

Hi Olivia,

Glad you're enjoying the series! Yeah, that Jack Lawrence certainly is something! Just to brag about Jack for a second, he told us that he drew almost 600 zombots in issue #19! He and Bracardi really did an amazing job with those crowd scenes! As per other series and stories and books, that all really depends. We really love funny short stories (Caleb Goellner's comic about writing Team Sonic Racing in the Deluxe Turbo Championship Edition is super great)! We really love doing a mini-series for Tangle & Whisper. We really love the 2019 Annual. We're definitely planning on doing more with Sonic, because you the fans have given us such a good response to what we're doing, but until you hear otherwise, we'll play it by ear to see what stories we can best tell in different formats. No plans in place for a regular feature, but if that makes sense going forward sometime, we'll consider it!

And with that, I think we're good for this time time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next issue, we're kicking off something even crazier than Crisis City: join us for "The Last Minute, Part 1", the first of three issues set simultaneously! And don't forget to pick up Sonic: Tangle & Whisper #2, also on sale this month!



Art by Jonathan Bushay



Art by Ben O'Sullivan



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SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.

C'MON
EVERYONE!
IT'S A
GORGEOUS
DAY!

RACE YA
AROUND THE
VILLAGE!
ANYONE!
EVERYONE!





LATER—JEWEL'S
MINERAL MUSEUM.





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #4.



PLEASE
DON'T TELL ME
THE BABYLON
ROGUES CAME
BACK!*

I'LL CHECK
IT OUT! YOU
HIDE AND TRY
NOT TO LOOK
EXPENSIVE—
HAHA!

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UNDER
ATTACK?!

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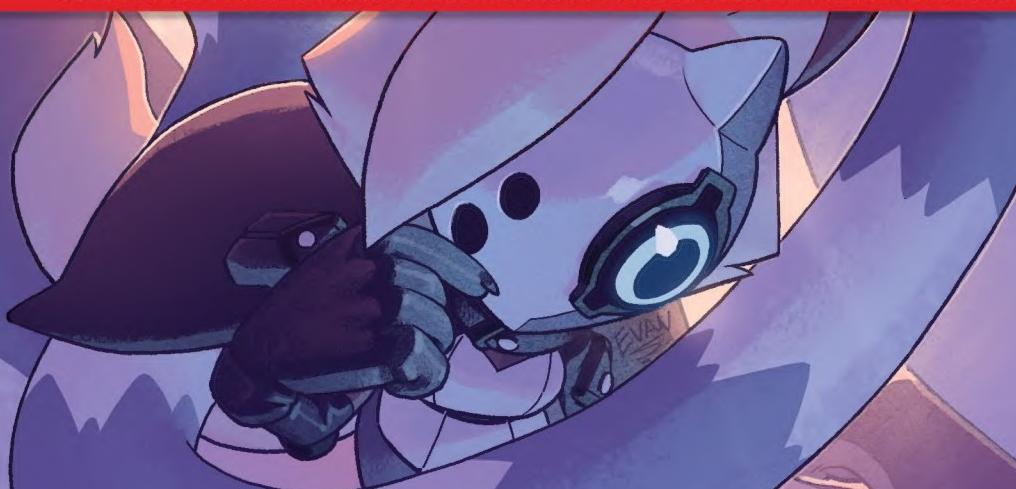
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